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MEMORANDUM FOR EXECUTIVE TEAM

SUBJECT: Use of Foreign-Flag Commercial Air Carriers by DLA Personnel

The Department of Defense (DoD) is responsible for the safety and security of its official travelers and is required to contract with responsible foreign-flag commercial air carriers. In accordance with the Secretary of Defense Memorandum of October 4, 1996, Subject: *Oversight of Foreign-Flag Air Carriers*, the Air Mobility Command's DoD Commercial Airlift Review Board (CARB) periodically provides shippers with a Foreign Air Carrier Update. The DoD will not do business with foreign-flag commercial air carriers who do not comply with the International Civil Aviation Organization (ICAO) standards.

The Joint Travel Regulation (JTR), par. C2204 B.2, states that available U.S. flag air carriers shall be used for all commercial foreign air transport of persons/property when air travel is funded by the U.S. Government. In accordance with JTR, par. C5100, E., Use of Non-Certificated Air Carriers, there is no reimbursement (for any leg of the journey) for the transportation cost when an unauthorized or unapproved foreign air carrier service is used. If a U.S. flag carrier service is available for an entire trip and the traveler uses a foreign carrier for any part or all of the trip, the transportation cost on the foreign carrier is not payable (41 CFR Part 301-10.143).

When the order-issuing official determines U.S. flag air carriers are unavailable, commercial foreign air transportation on a non-certificated air carrier may be authorized/approved. Documentation explaining why U.S. flag air carrier service is not available must be provided to the traveler. Endorsements on the travel orders and/or Government travel procurement document, made in accordance with Service regulations, are acceptable.

This update provides the Federal Aviation Administration's (FAA) International Aviation Safety Assessment (IASA) numeric ratings from the Civil Aviation Authorities (CAA) of foreign countries. The FAA established ratings of foreign-flag commercial air carriers by numeric FAA ranking: **1**, **2** or **3**. The numerical rating should be used to determine whether the foreign-flag commercial carrier can be used by DoD travelers.

Category 1 FAA rating means the CAA within the country meets International Civil Aviation Organization (ICAO) standards. These air carriers are approved for use within country or to and from the United States for DoD personnel on official business or individually ticketed. These carriers were neither reviewed by the CARB nor approved to perform DoD charters, with the exception of Scandinavian Air Services (SAS).

Category 2 FAA rating is CONDITIONAL and means that while the FAA is negotiating with the CAA to correct discrepancies, air carriers from that country may continue to operate to/from the United States on a direct flight; e.g., Riyadh, Saudi Arabia to John F. Kennedy International Airport, NY. No commercial air carriers from countries in Category 2 have been authorized for DoD official travel except scheduled service flights to/from the United States, only. *On an exception basis only, where no viable alternate carrier is available and the travel is mission essential, the overseas Theater Commander may approve an exception to this policy.*

Overseas theater contacts are identified below:

Overseas Theater <u>Commander</u>	<u>Voice</u>	<u>Facsimile</u>
USPACOM J431/4312	(315) 477-0848/1502	n/a
USEUCOM ECJ4-JMD	(314) 430-5651	(314) 430-5567/5090
USSOUTHCOM SCJ-331	(305) 437-3022/23/24	DSN 567-3456
USCENTCOM CCJ-7/J4MD	(813) 828-2183/6602	(813) 828-5819/5840
USACOM J4/LRC-JMCC	(757) 836-6643	(804) 822-5230

A **Category 3** FAA rating means the CAA within the host country does not meet ICAO standards. These carriers are not authorized for DoD official travel.

Carriers or countries not listed in the CARB Quarterly Foreign Carrier Update have not been evaluated by the FAA and unless denied, are authorized for DoD passenger travel on an individually ticketed basis or for scheduled service use by DoD personnel.

A country list by carrier rank and name of commercial air carrier is available from the DoD Air Carrier Survey and Analysis Office, Air Mobility Command (AMC), Attn: DOB, Scott AFB, IL 62225-5302. This list may be obtained by calling (618) 256-3092, DSN: 576-3092 or via the web at <http://amc.scott.af.mil/do/dob/dob.htm>.

The safety record and performance of a foreign-flag commercial air carrier should be taken into consideration and weighed against the availability of contract/organic DoD airlift resources.

Request widest dissemination of this policy memorandum. My points of contact are Mrs. Deborah L. Beckner at (703) 767-3622, DSN 427-3622 or Mrs. Betty Y. Slanta at (703) 767-3638, DSN 427-3638.

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